

HCPHES Comments (11/12/10)

SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS SUPERFUND SITE

REVISED DRAFT GROUNDWATER STUDY SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PLAN (SAP): November 2010

Comment 1:

1.4.2 Summary of Available Data,

1.5 Chemicals of Potential Concern

The Texas State Department of Health (TSDH) inspection report dated May 6, 1966 references paper mill waste being stored in secondary ponds at the site of origin (Champion Paper Inc. ,Pasadena) prior to transport to the impoundments north and south of I-10. The report also notes that paper mill waste water was returned by barge from the I-10 impoundments and was transferred and stored in Champion settling basins prior to discharge to the HSC. Would it be of value to determine if any groundwater data was collected near or at the location of the former mill site secondary ponds and settling basins? If pertinent data does exist it may provide useful information regarding COPC in shallow groundwater.

Comment 2:

1.4.1.7 Local Hydrogeology

The groundwater well inventory is incomplete. The revised draft groundwater study SAP references three (3) groundwater wells near the east bank within 3,000 feet of the impoundments. The TCEQ Water Well Data Base lists Chips RV park (ID# 1011732) located at 1700 S. Main, Highlands as having an inactive well that has not been plugged. The data base also includes Jr's Minute Mart (ID# 1012526) located at 7724 Decker. Both locations are within 3,000 feet of the impoundments. Also, there are numerous residences located along Park St in Highlands that are also within 3000 feet that may be on well water.